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## Qatar

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens reconsider travel to Qatar due to COVID-19. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 2 blank pages in their passport for any entry stamp and or visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country's embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

### US Embassy/ Consulate

[974] 4496-6000; US Embassy Doha, 22nd February Street, Al Luqta District, PO Box 2399, Doha, Qatar

### Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations

<http://www.who.int>

### Climate

Arid; mild, pleasant winters; very hot, humid summers

### Currency (Code)

Qatari rials (QAR)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

240 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): G



### Major Languages

Arabic, English commonly used as a second language

### Religions

Muslim 67.7%, Christian 13.8%, Hindu 13.8%, Buddhist 3.1%, folk religion <.1%, Jewish <.1%, other 0.7%, unaffiliated 0.9%

### Time Difference

UTC+3 (8 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

### International Driving Permit

Suggested

### Road Driving Side

Right

### Tourist destinations

Doha (includes Museum of Islamic Art, the Corniche, Doha Fort, National Museum, Golden Mosque); Al Jassasiya Carvings; Al Wakra Museum; Katara Cultural Village

<b>Cultural Practices</b>	Not all Arab men and women will shake hands with those of the opposite sex; wait to see if they extend their hands first.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	A service charge of 10% is usually added to hotel and restaurant bills, in which case tipping is not necessary, although for exceptional service many people add a bit extra. If there is no service charge, a 10-15% tip is appreciated. Taxi drivers do not expect a tip, but it is polite to round up the fare.
<b>Telephone Code</b>	974
<b>Local Emergency Phone</b>	999

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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